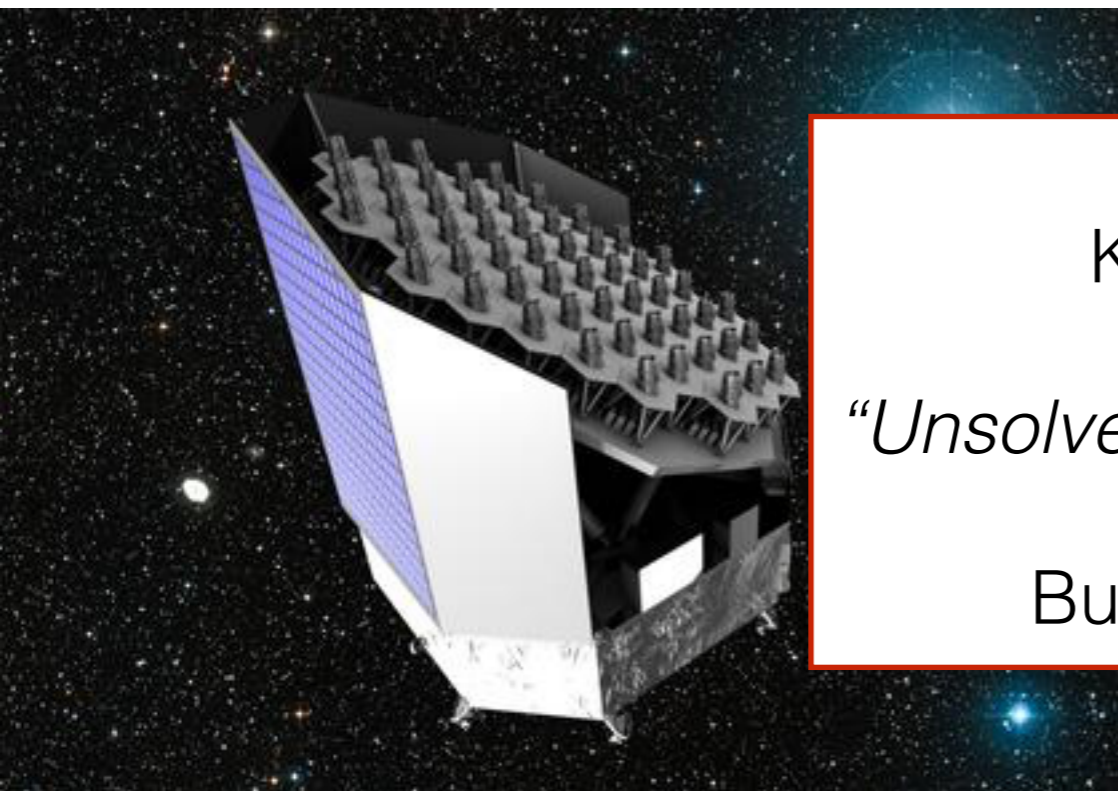
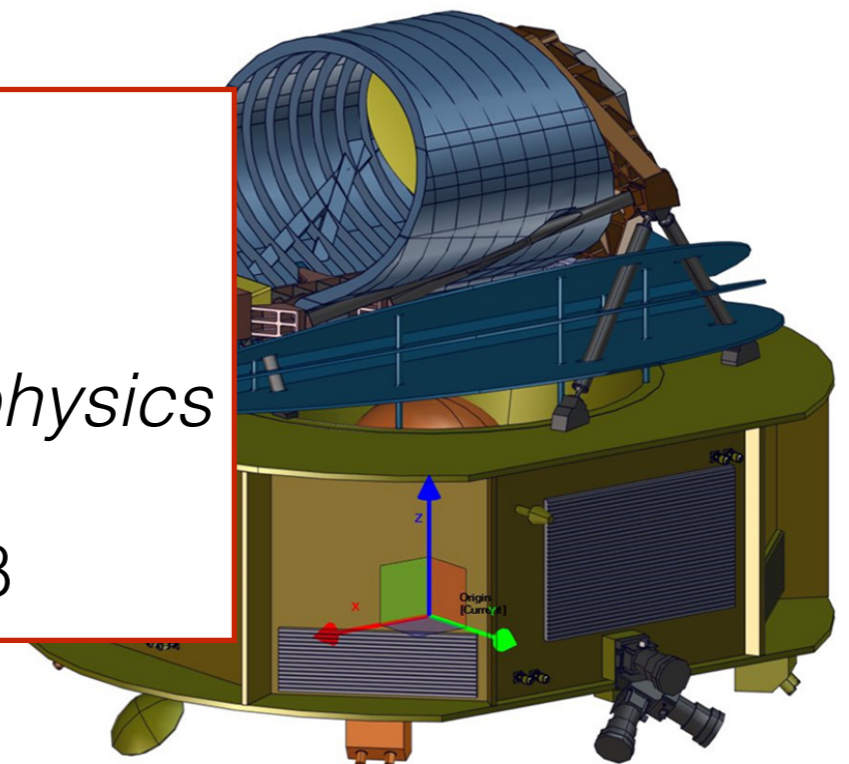




Exoplanet space missions of the next decade: where are we heading to?



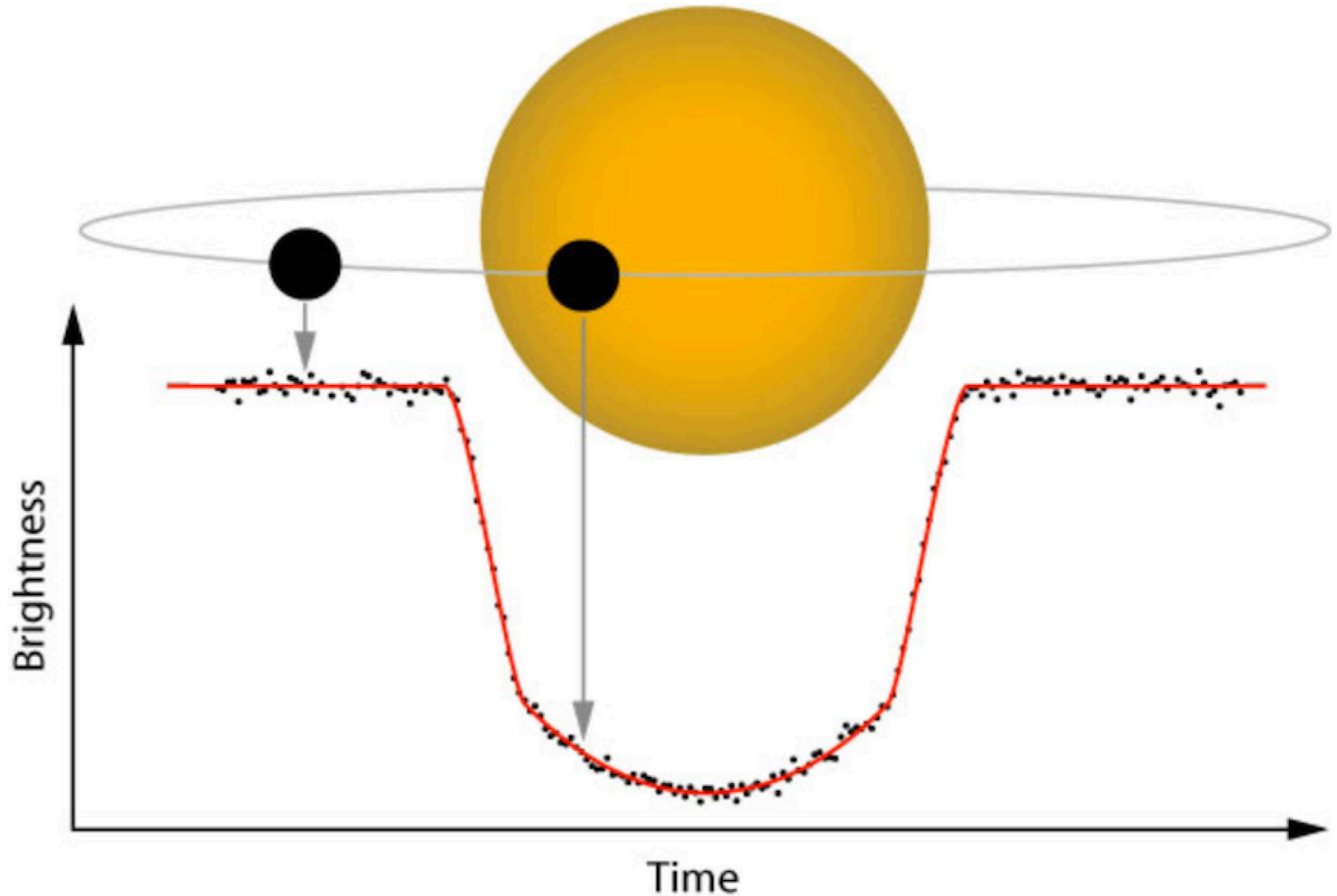
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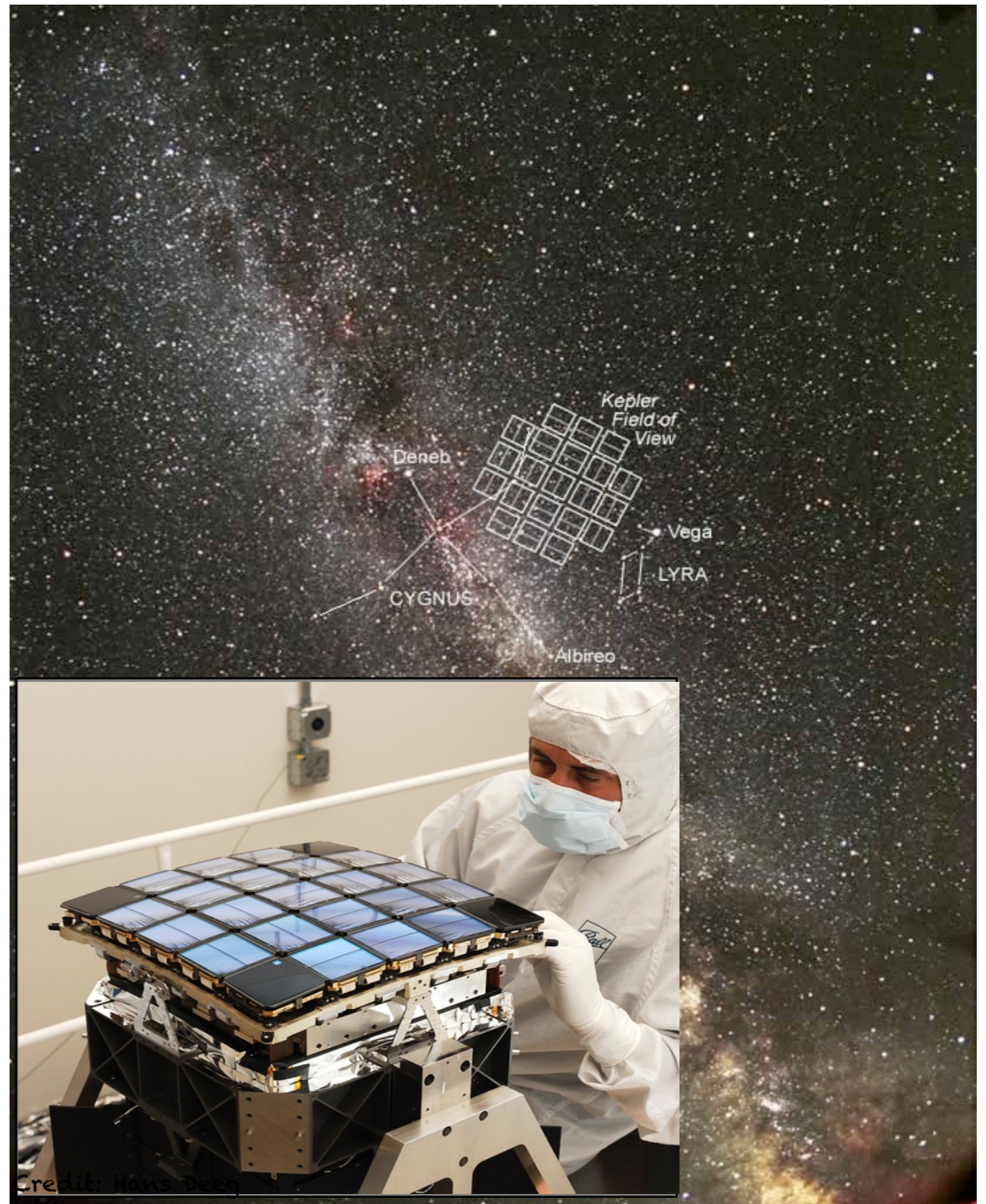
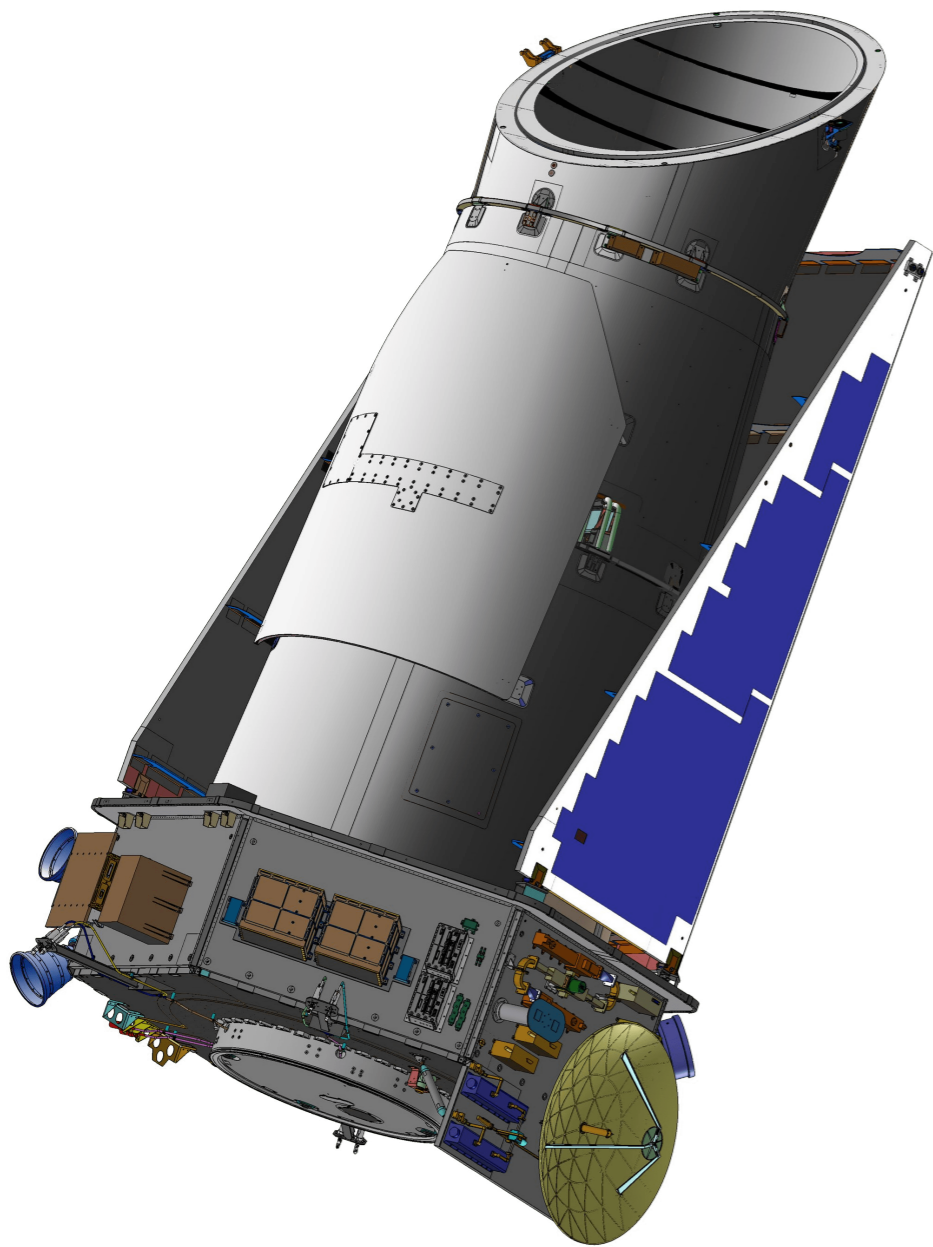
Is there life elsewhere?

Are we alone?

Transiting exoplanets: since 2000

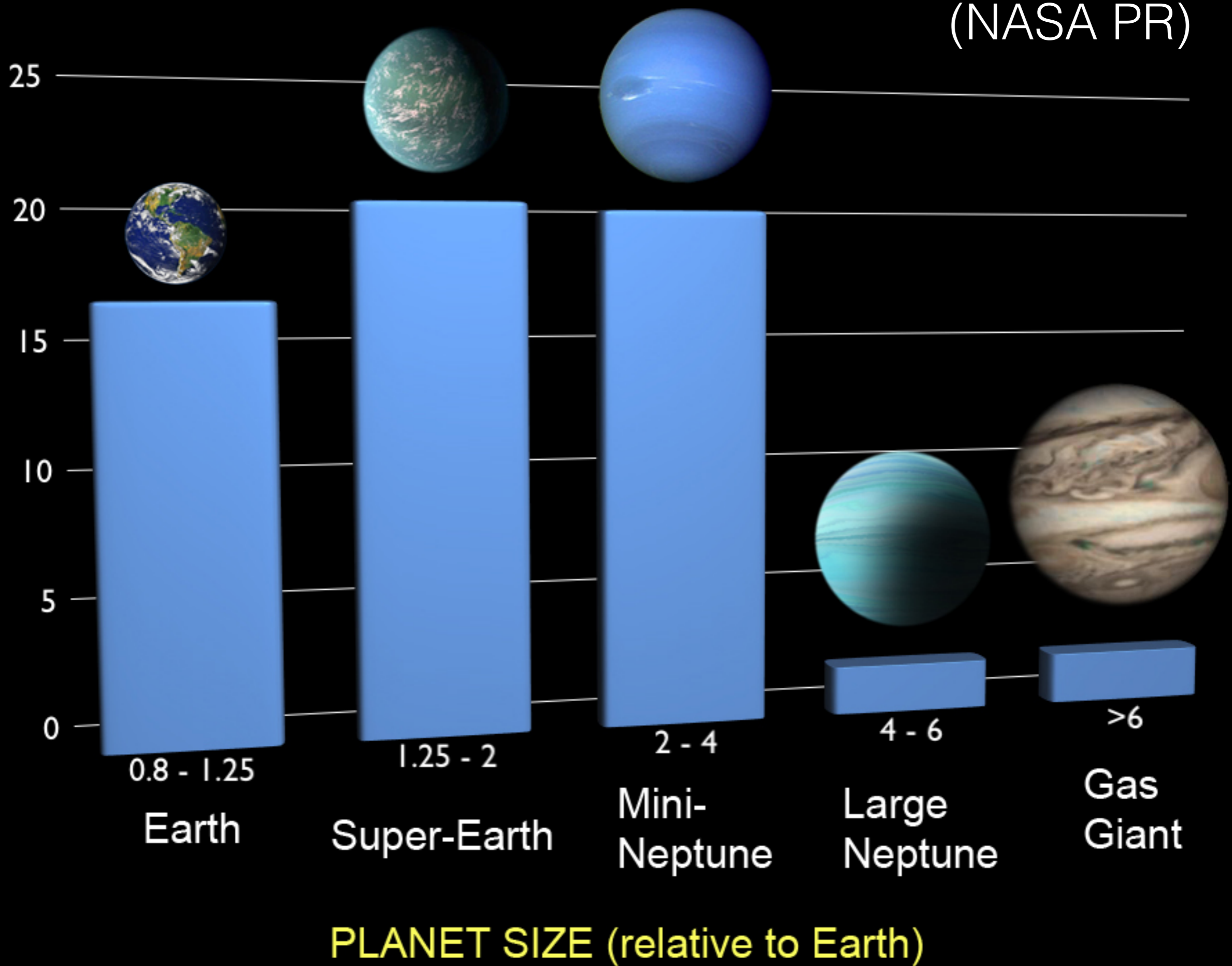


The Kepler era: since 2009



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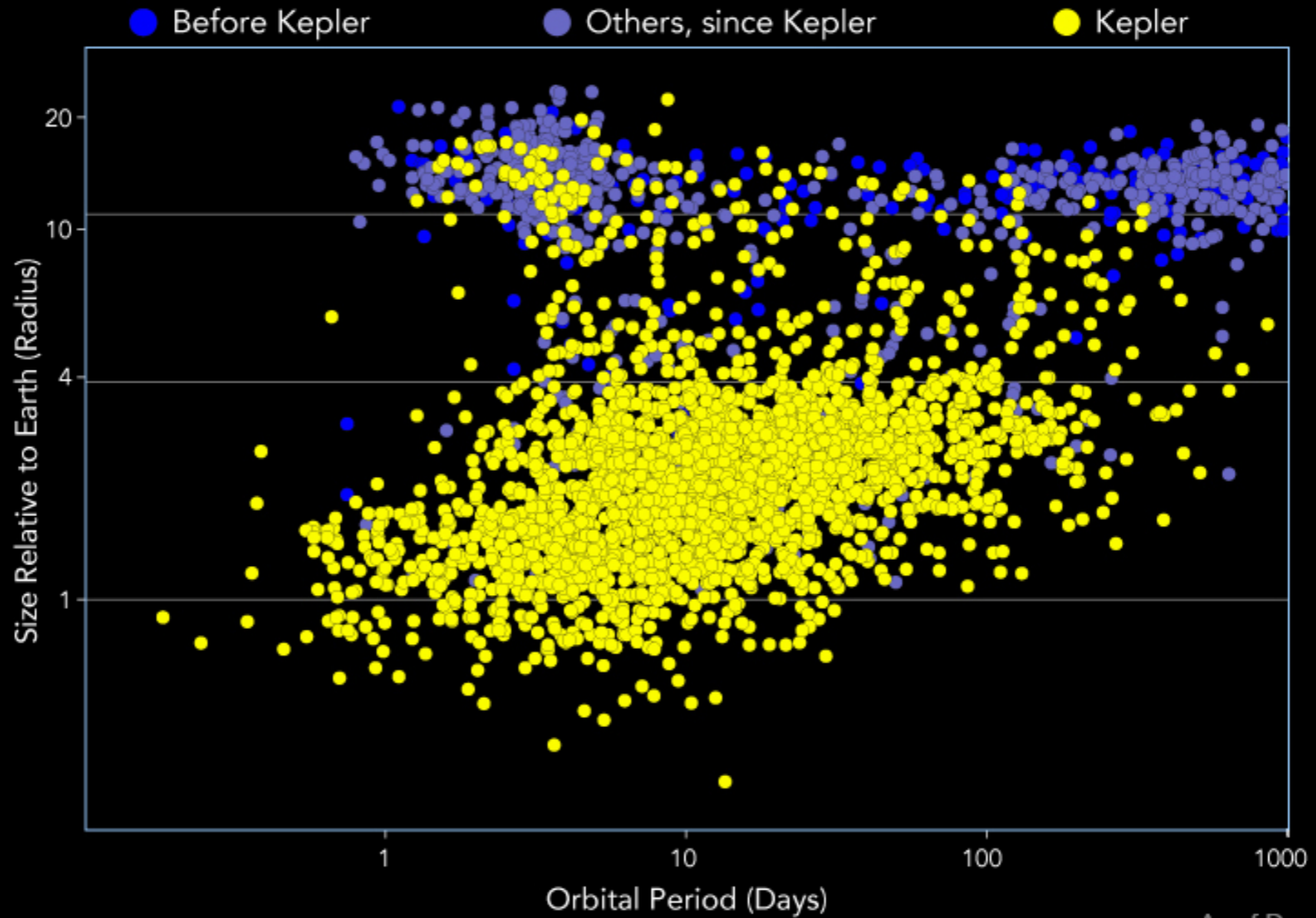
FRACTION OF STARS WITH AT LEAST ONE PLANET



Exoplanet Discoveries

Total confirmed exoplanets = 3,567

Total Kepler = 2,525

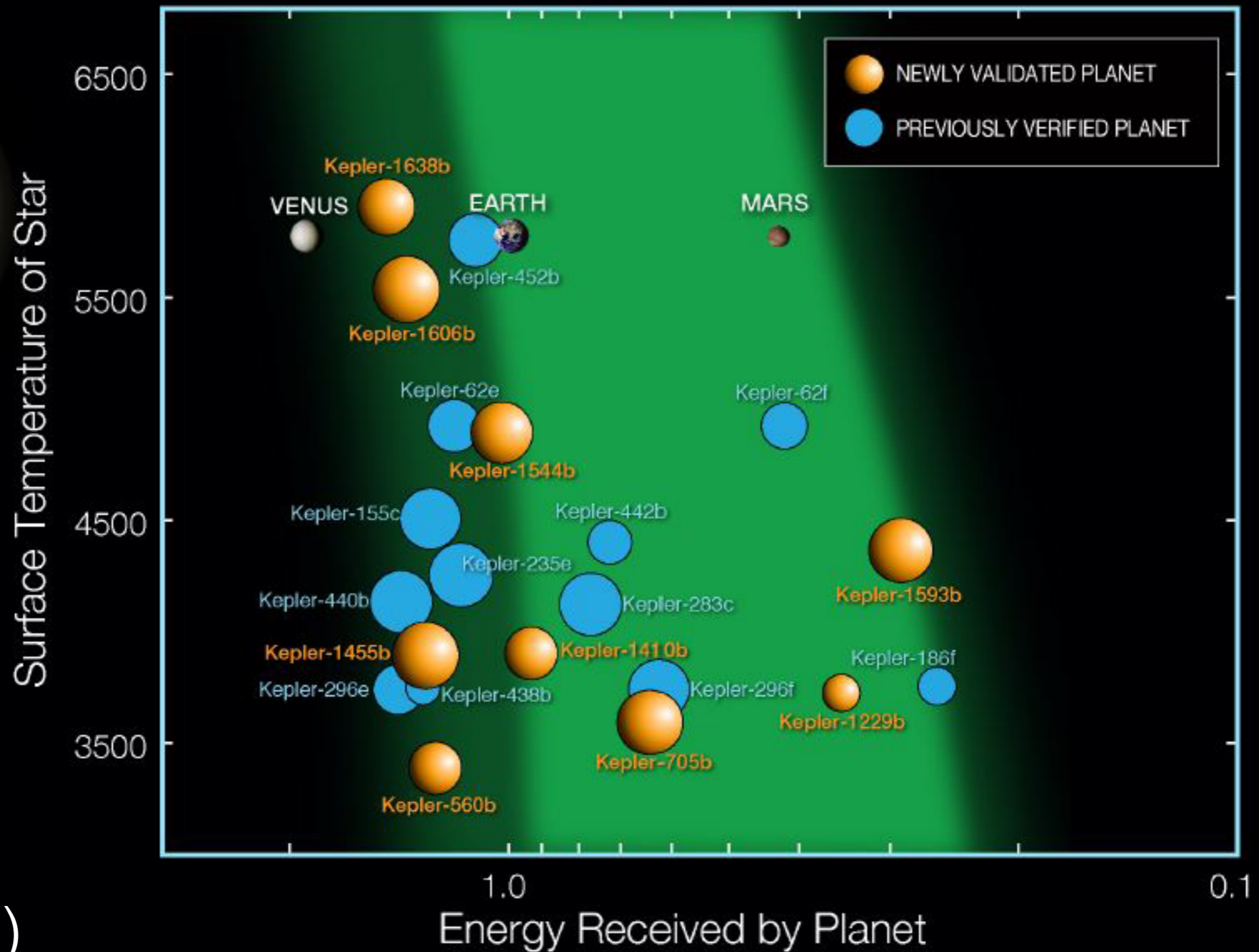


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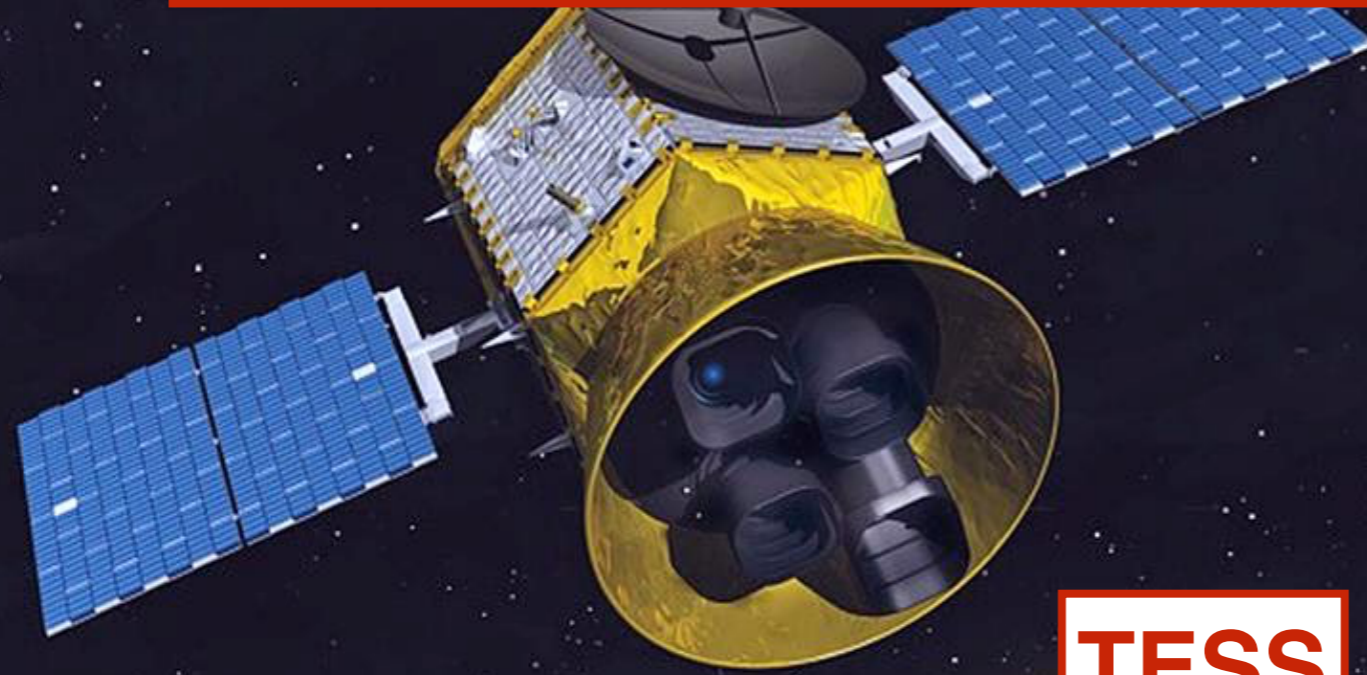
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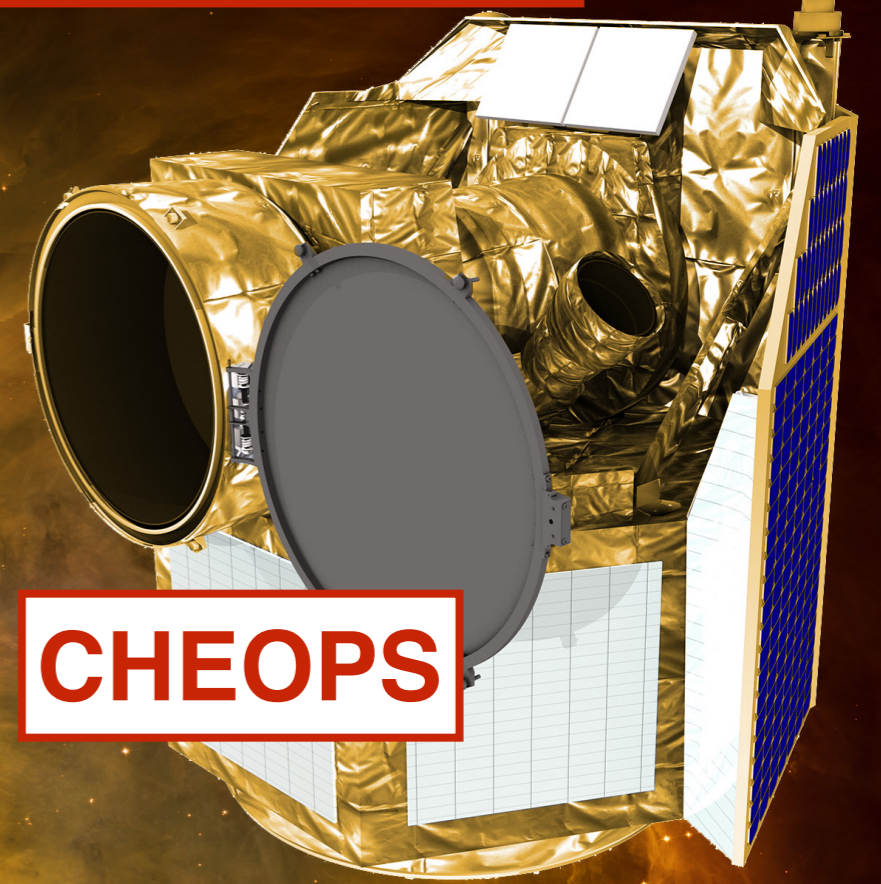


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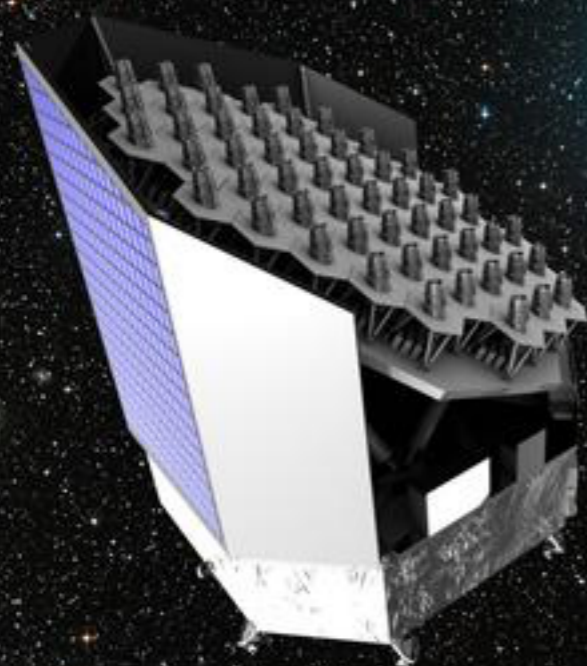
Dedicated exoplanet space telescopes till 2030



TESS

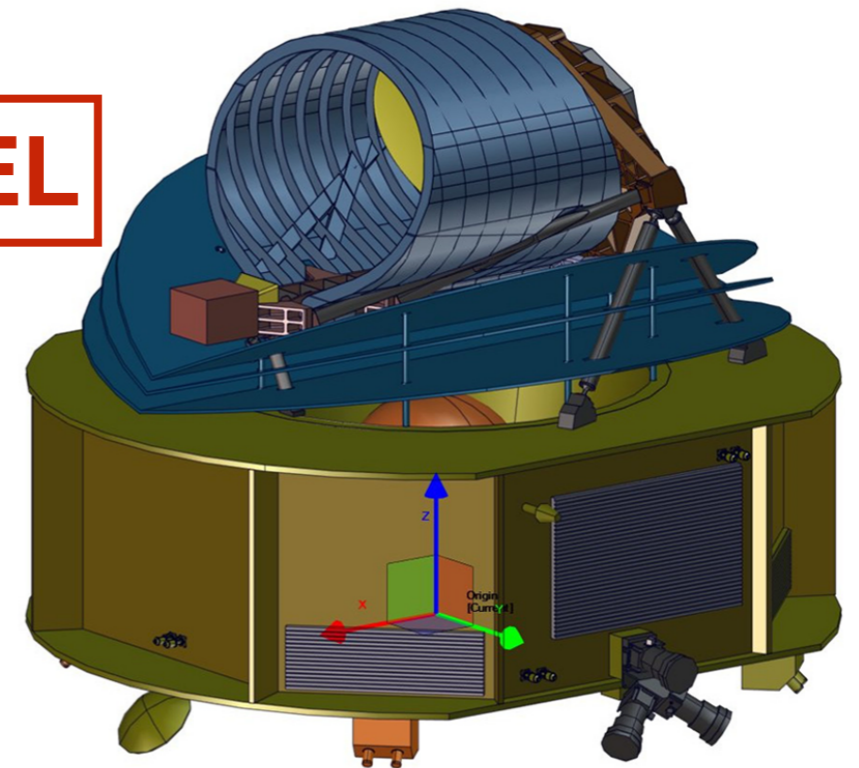


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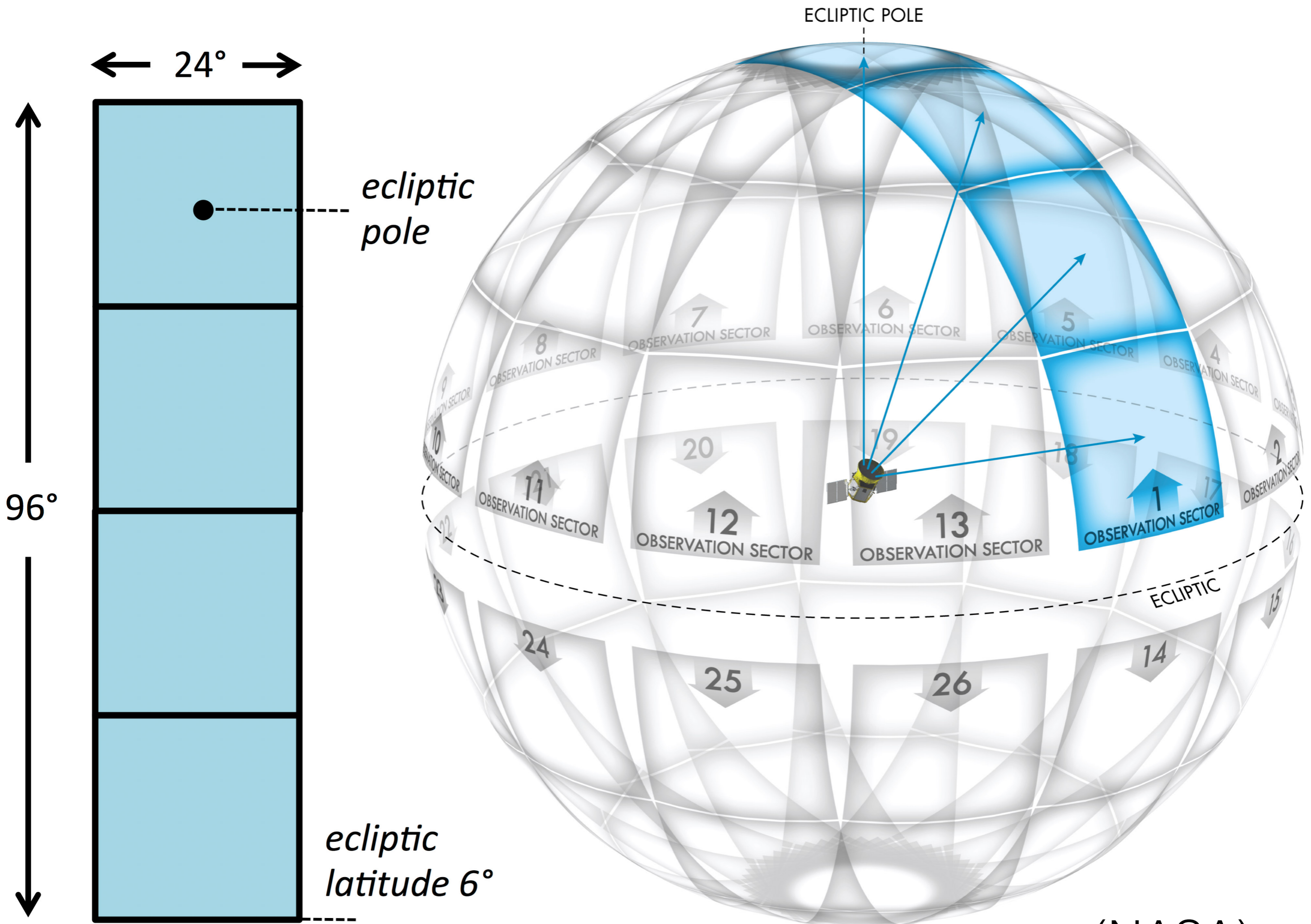
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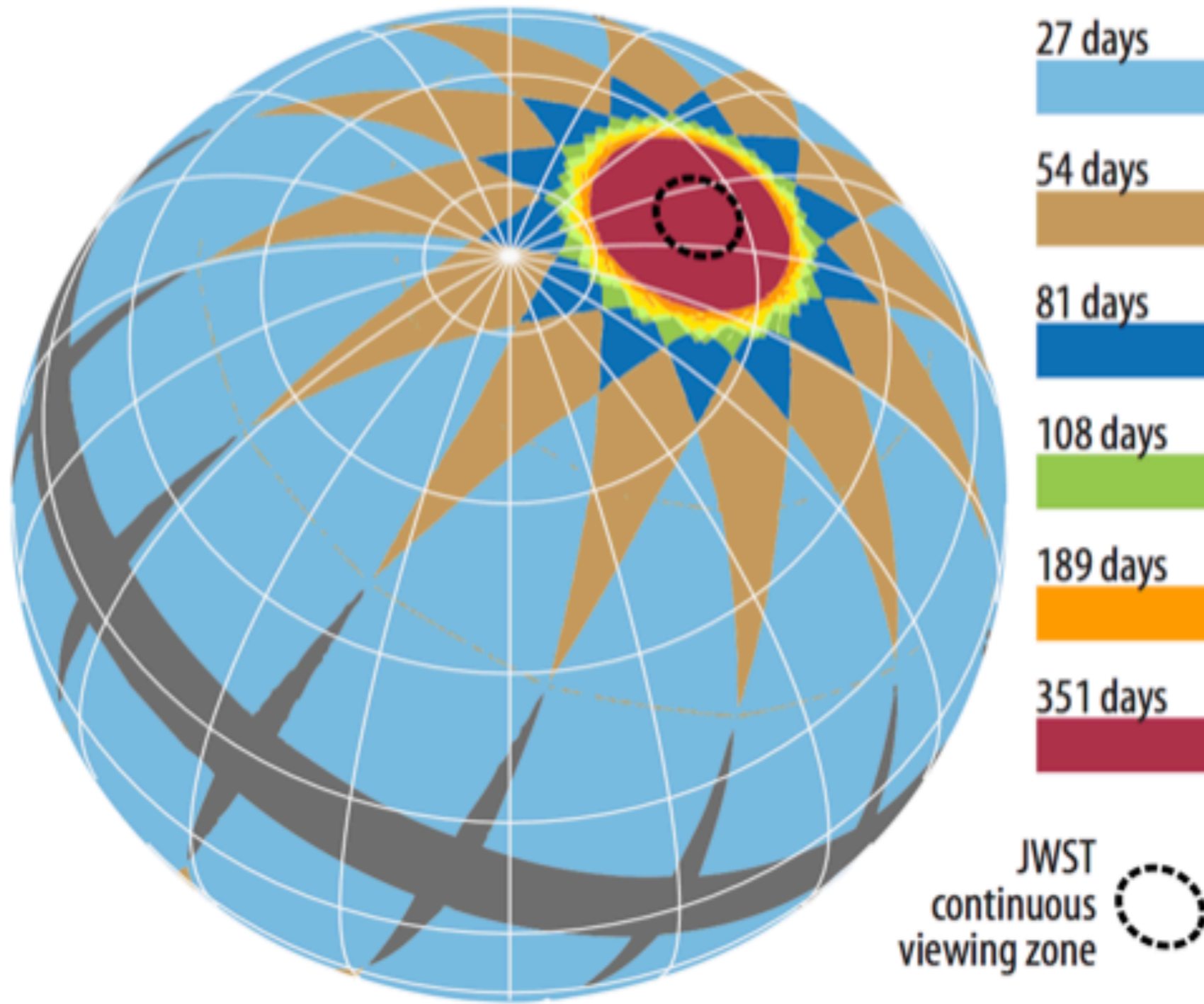
April 2018: **TESS**

- **T**ransiting **E**xoplanet **S**urvey **S**atellite
 - Bright stars ($< \sim 10$ magn.), whole sky in two years
 - Four 10.5 cm cameras, 1/24th of the sky with CCDs (24 x 96 deg FoV)
 - (Short period) transiting exoplanets
 - Lot of additional science
 - NASA mission, PI George Ricker (MIT)

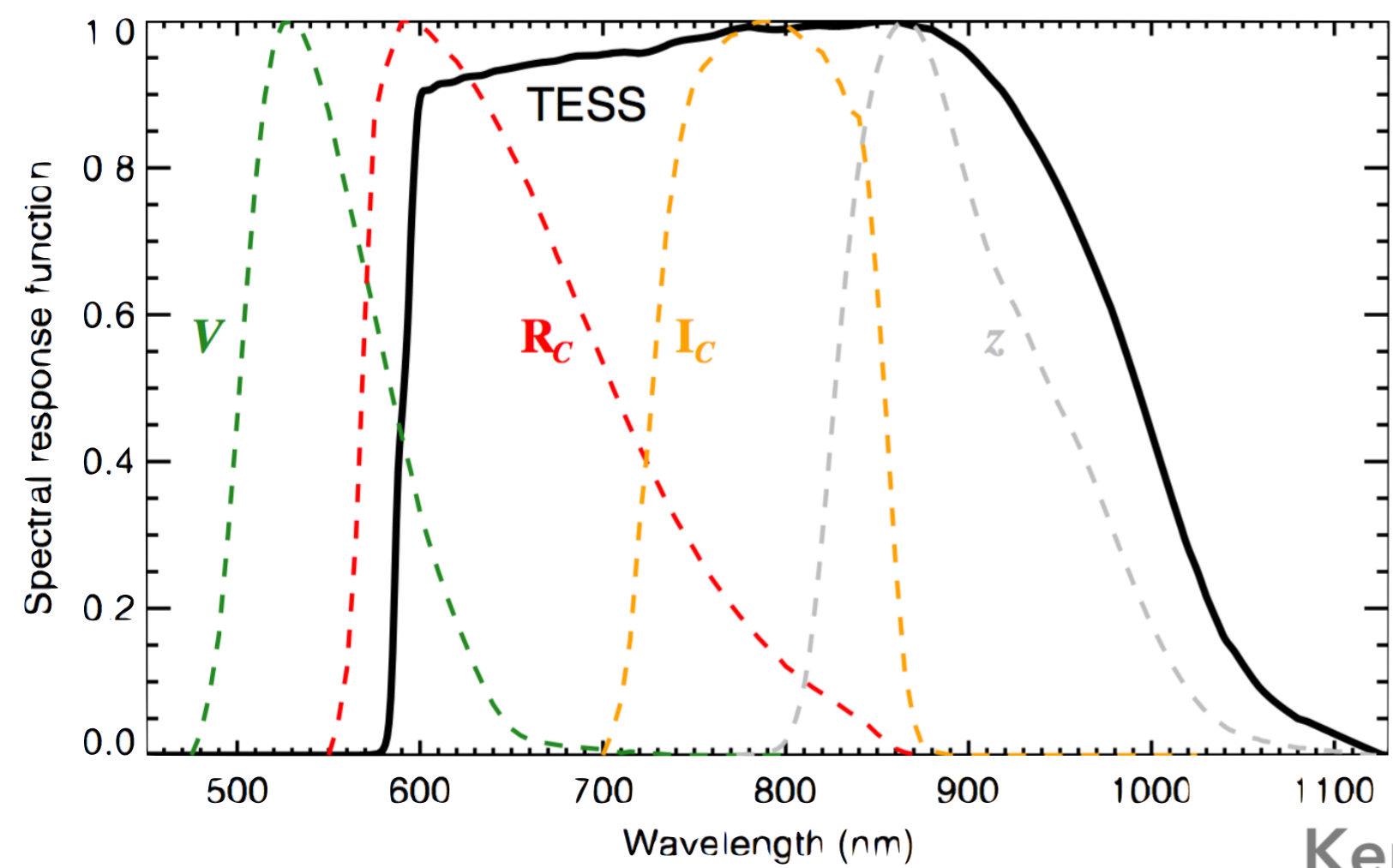


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Observability durations

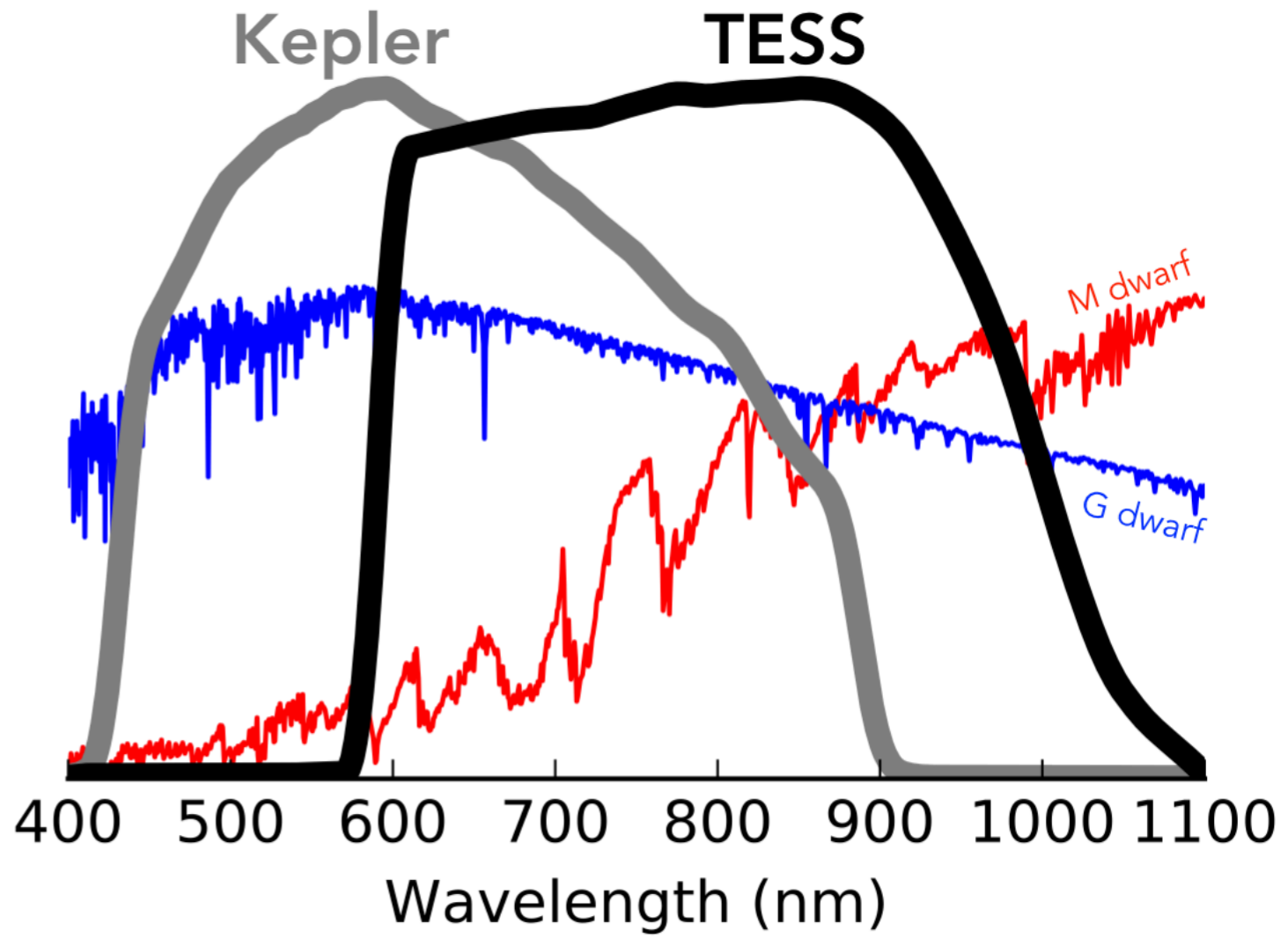


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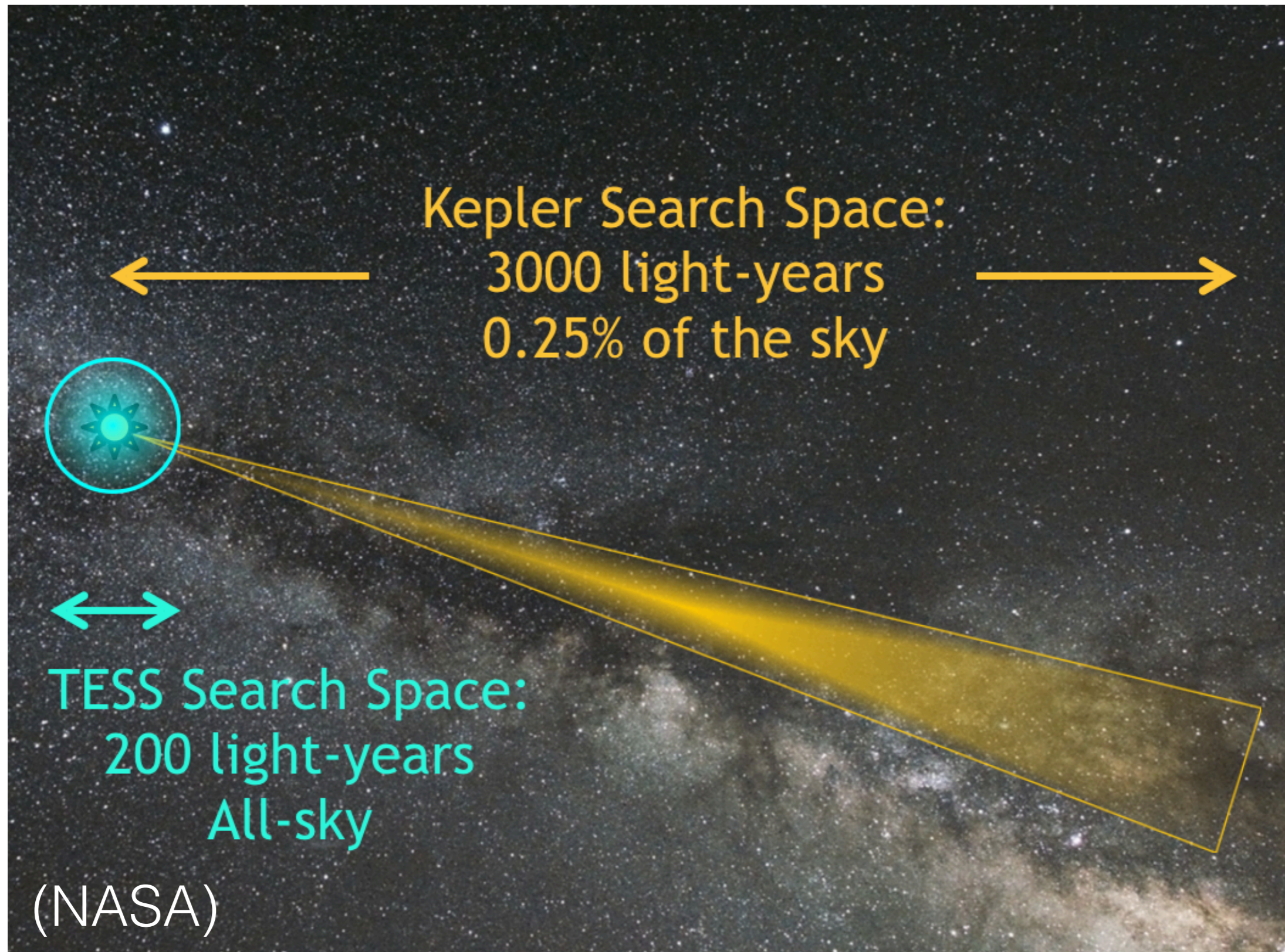
TESS spectral sensitivity

TESS vs. Kepler: more sensitive to red dwarfs



(NASA)

TESS vs. Kepler: the survey volumes



2018/19: **CHEOPS**

- **CH**aracterising **ExOP**lanet **S**atellite
 - Known exoplanet host stars ($V < 12$ mag)
 - A single 33 cm RC telescope, unfiltered CCD
 - Follow-up measurements
 - Lot of additional science
 - ESA S1 mission, PI Willy Benz (Univ. Bern)

Partner institutions in eleven European countries contribute to the realisation of the space mission CHEOPS under co-leadership between Switzerland and the European Space Agency (ESA).

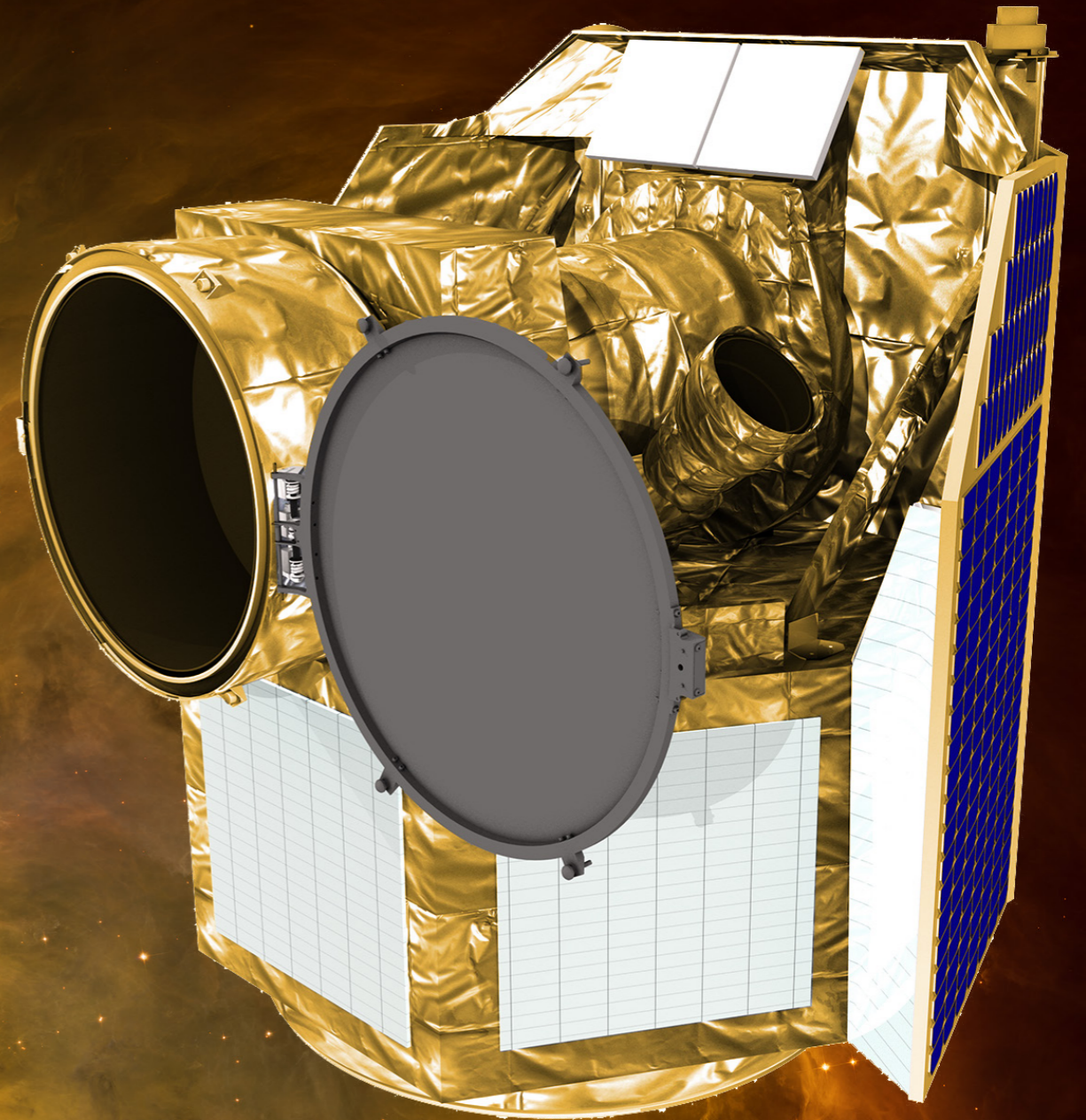


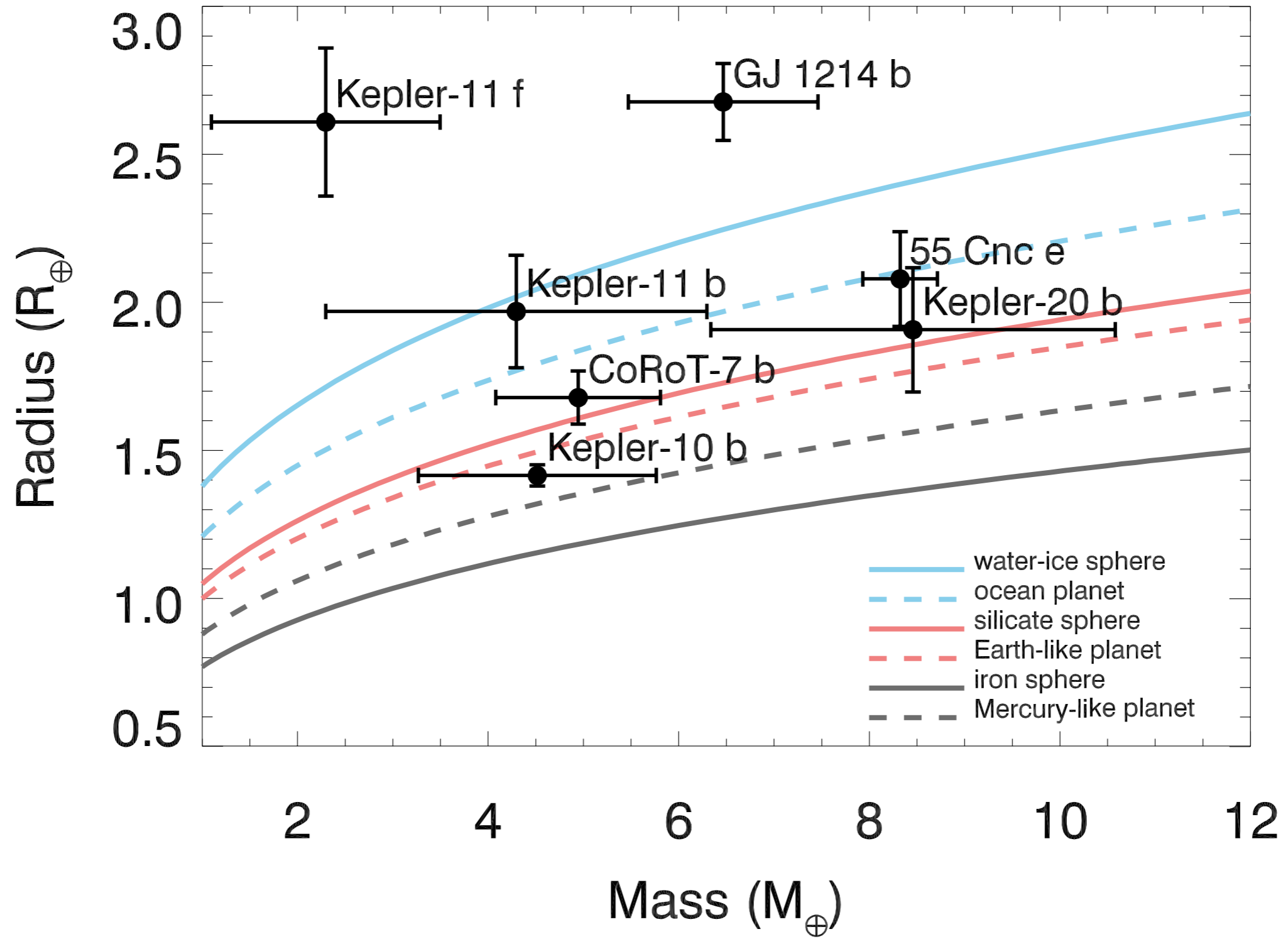
 **For Switzerland**

Scientific institutions: CSH University of Bern, University of Geneva, Swiss Space Center, EPF Lausanne.

Industrial partners: Almatech/Connova, Pfeiffer Vakuum AG, P&P Software, RUAG Space, and other partners.

State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI.



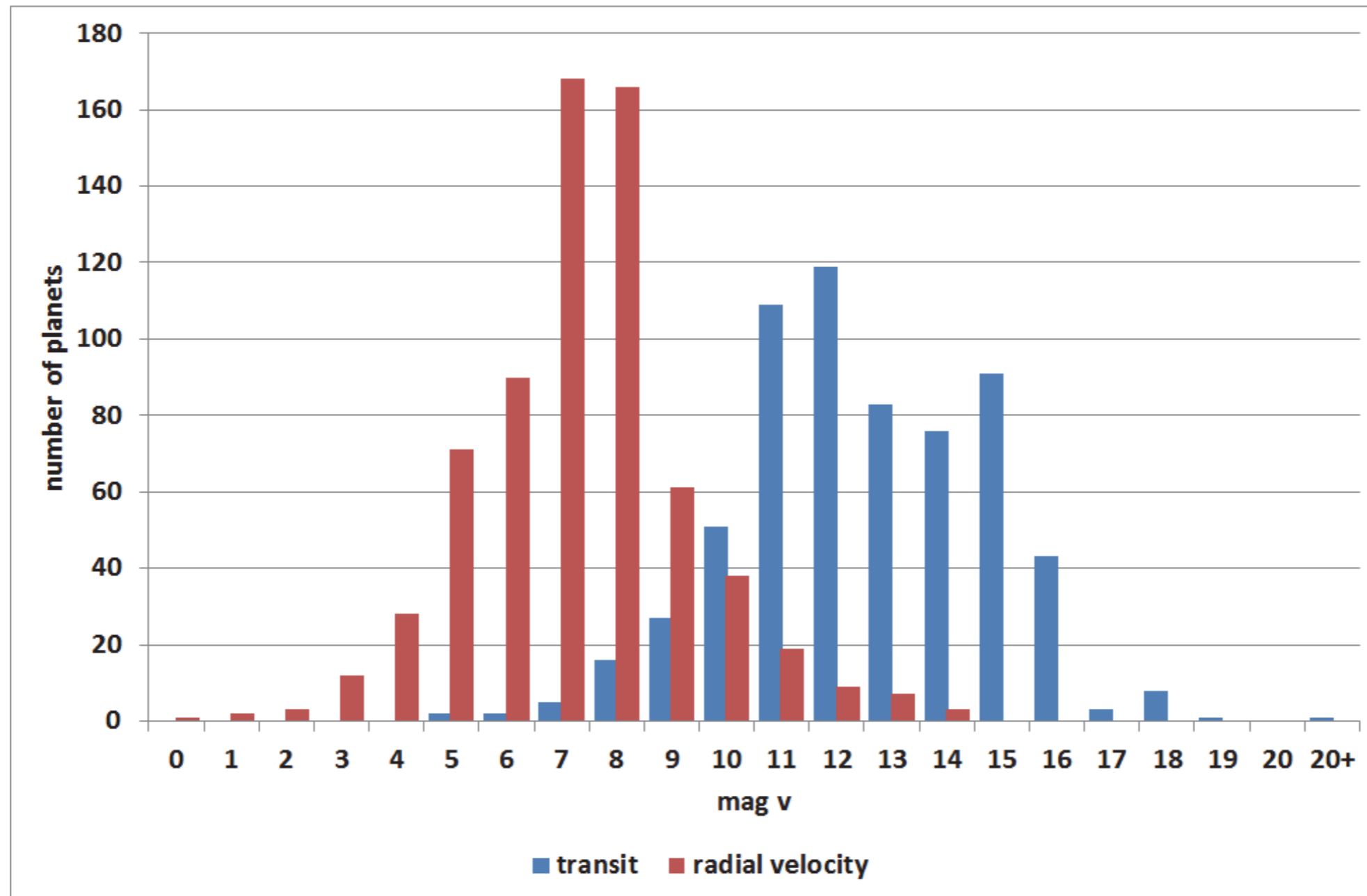


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2026/27: **PLATO**

- **PLA**netary **T**ransits and **O**scillations of stars
 - Large samples of bright stars (~ 4 -16 mag) for months to years
 - 24+2 12 cm cameras, FoV=2232 sq. deg.
 - Discovery of transiting exoplanets, asteroseismic characterisation of the central stars
 - ESA M3 mission, PI Heike Rauer (DLR, Berlin)

Doppler planets and transiting exoplanets



(PLATO Red Book)

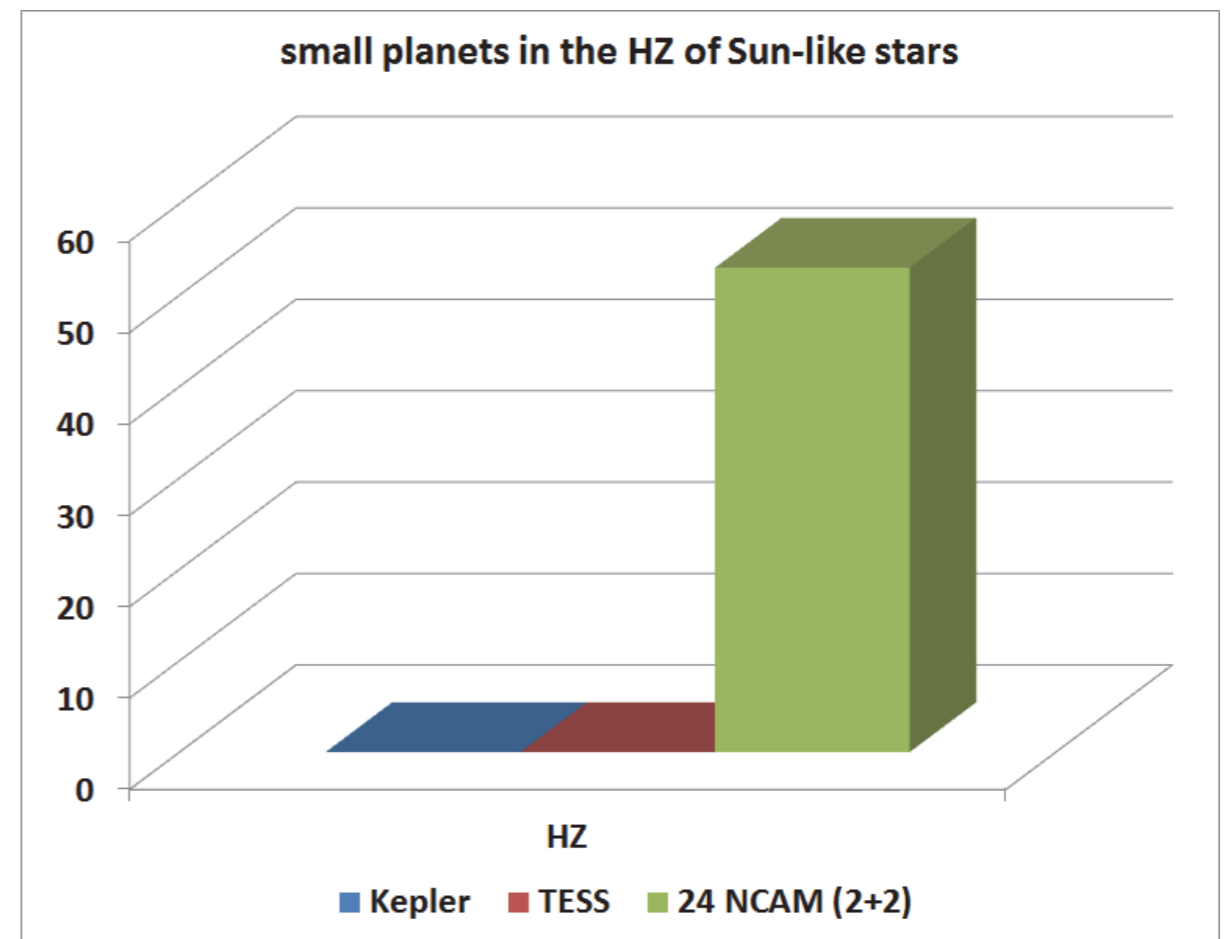
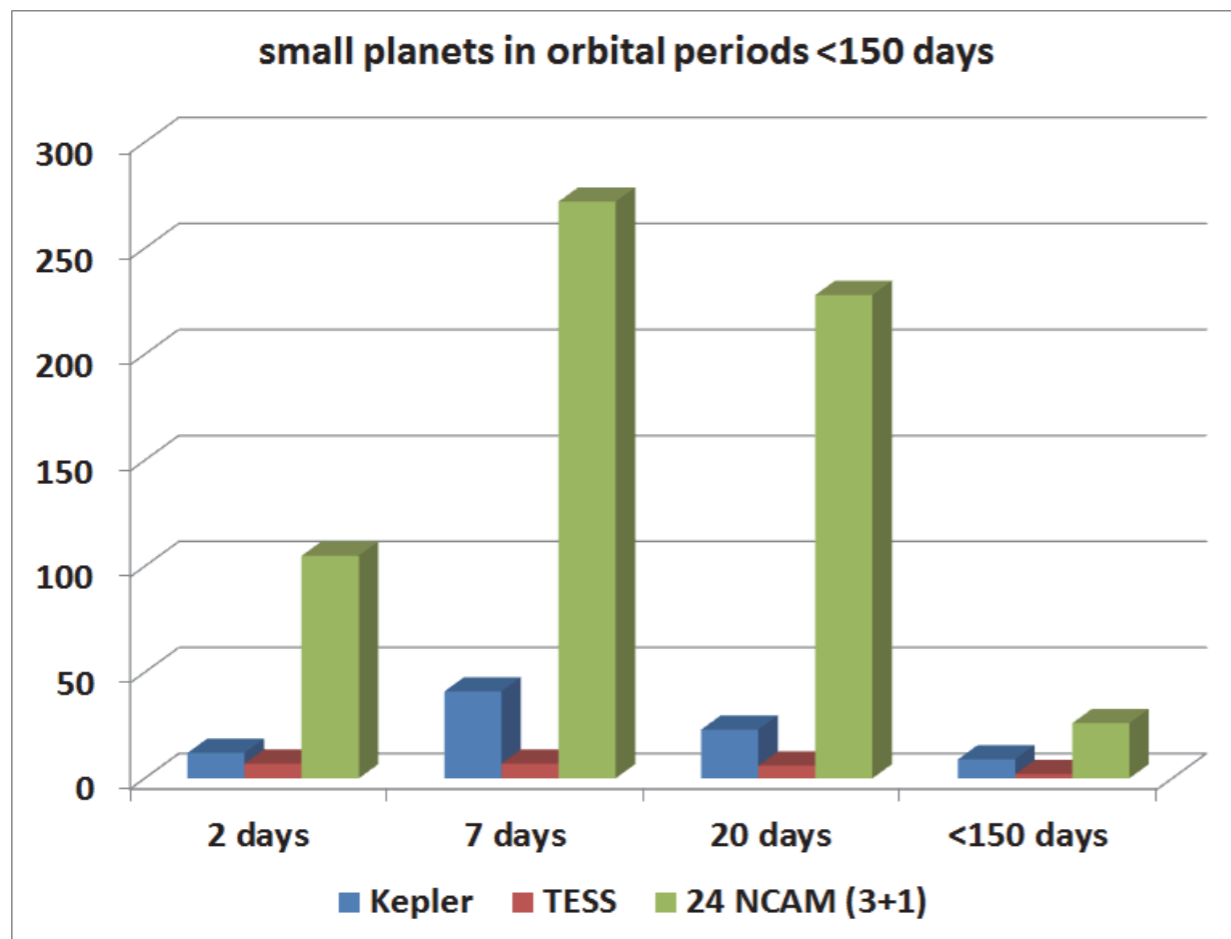


Figure 2.3: Expected yield of planets with highest characterisation accuracy (from P1 sample) in comparison to Kepler and TESS missions for two observing scenarios. Left, expected detection yield of small planets ($R < 2 R_E$) around dwarf and sub-giant stars suitable for asteroseismology studies for Kepler (Lundkvist et al. 2016), TESS (Campante et al. 2016) and the PLATO core sample for an observing sequence of 3 years long pointing plus 1 year step-and-stare phase. We show orbital periods shorter than 150 days. Right, expected detection yield of small planets ($R < 2 R_E$) in the habitable zone of solar-like stars for a scenario of 2 long pointings (baseline). For more details about how these values were derived, see Section 7.2.3.

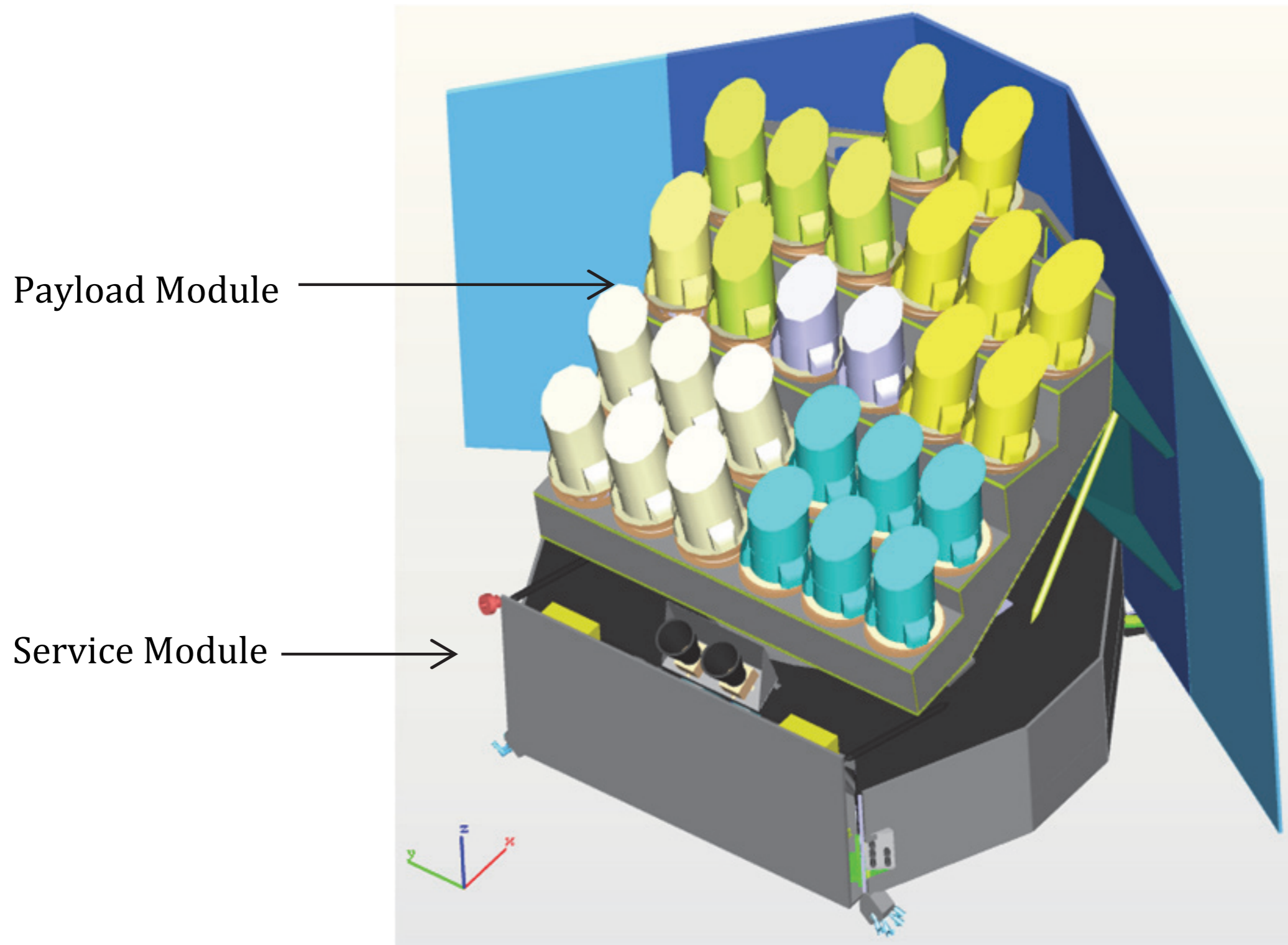
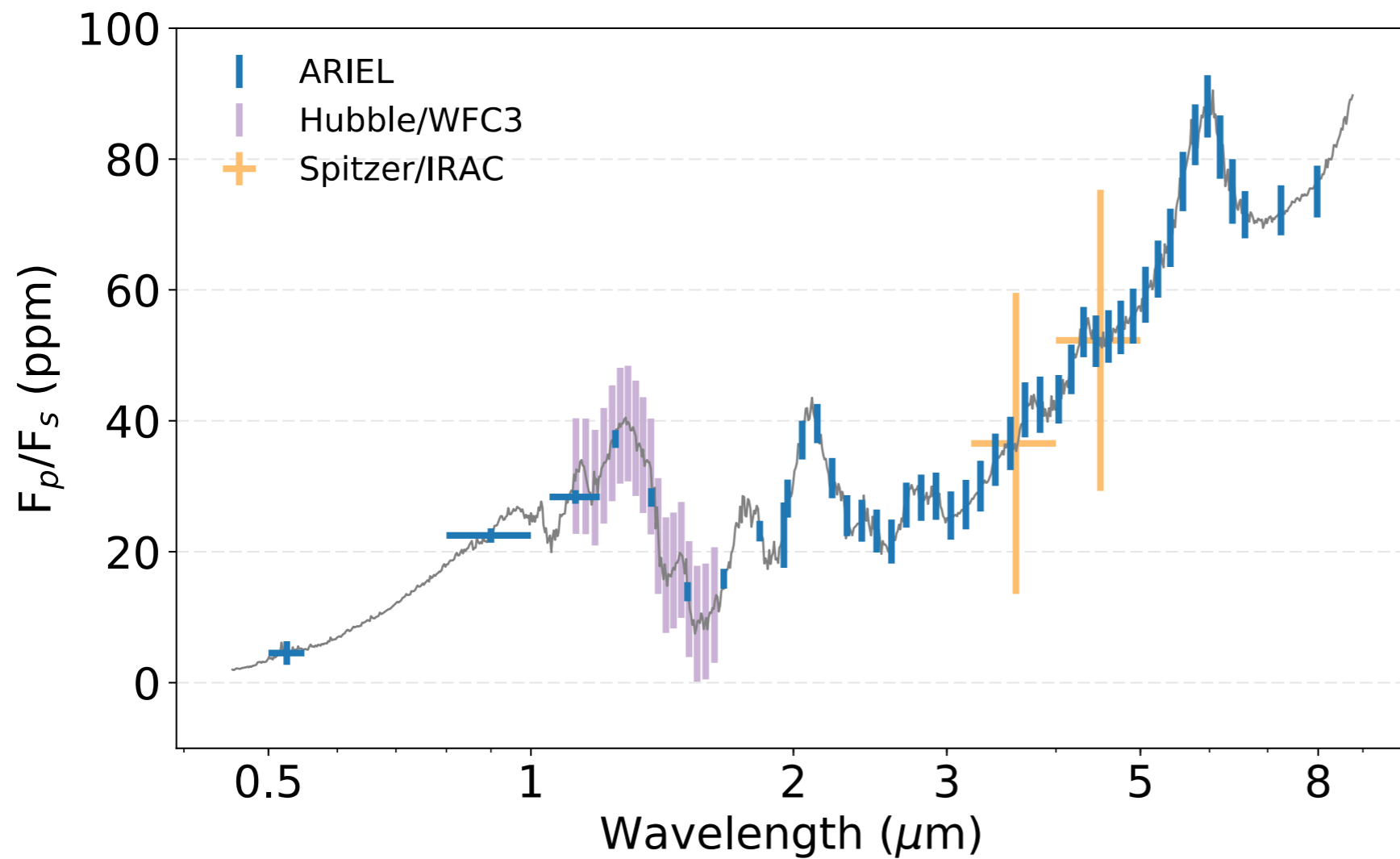


Figure 5.10: OHB spacecraft: separated PLM and SVM configuration.

2028: **ARIEL**

- **A**tmospheric **R**emote-sensing **I**nfrared **E**xoplanet **L**arge-survey
 - Infrared spectroscopy of ~1000 exoplanets
 - ~1 m IR telescope at L2
 - 0,5-8 micron spectra for atmospheric characterisation
 - ESA M4 mission, PI Giovanna Tinetti (UCL)



*Expected output (with error bars) from the ARIEL processed data product compared with the input model assumption for a hot super-Earth similar to 55-Cnc-e around a G-type star with K_{mag} of 4. ARIEL performances using **8 eclipses (~32 hours of observation)** are compared to currently available data for 55 Cnc e from Spitzer-IRAC (8 eclipses, [Demory et al., 2016](#)) and performances of Hubble-WFC3 extrapolated from transit observations of 55 Cnc e ([Tsiaras et al., 2016](#)).*

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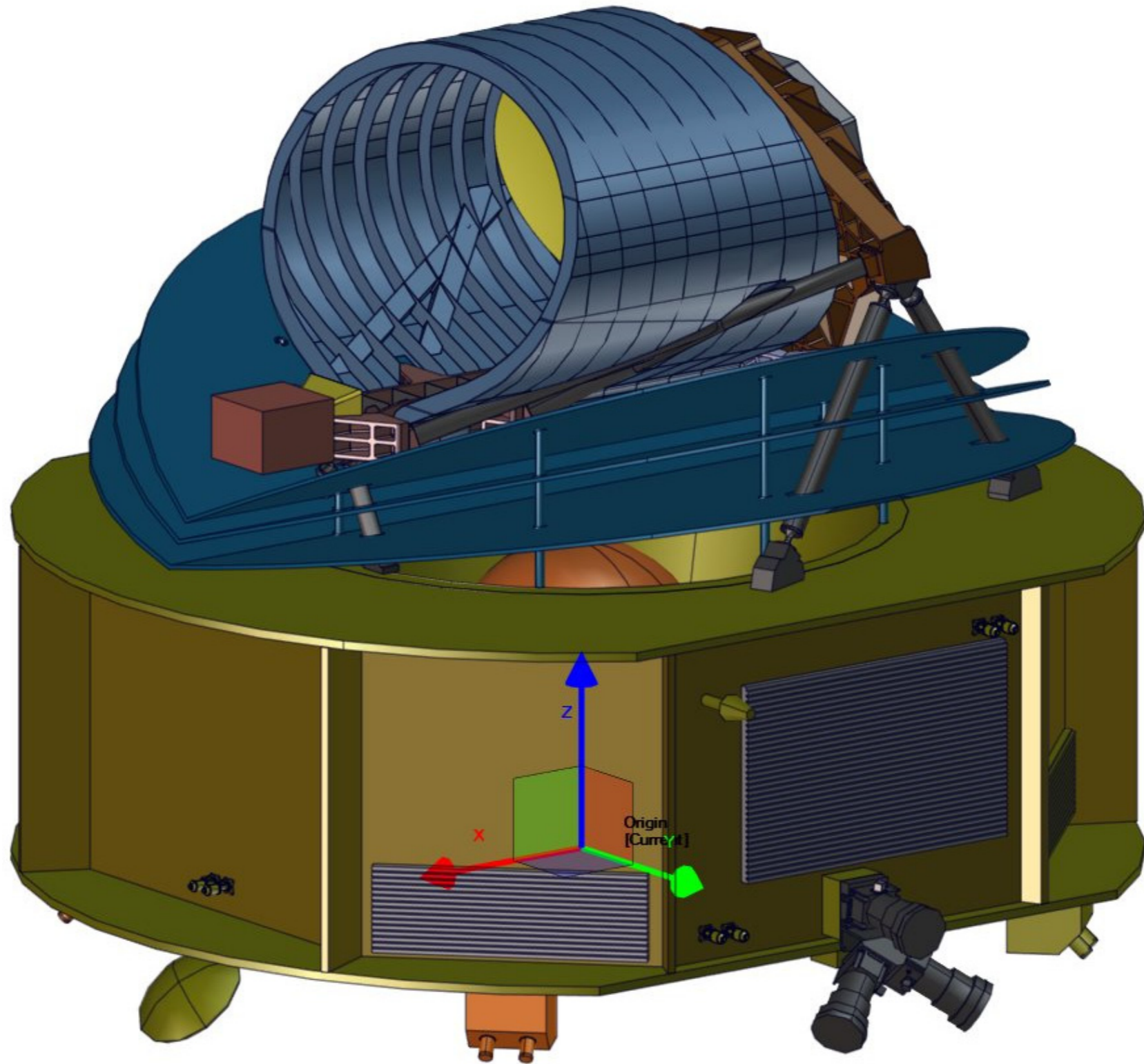


Figure 5-1: Illustration of the ARIEL S/C and its reference frame. The origin is at the geometrical centre of the separation plane between the LV adapter and the S/C (in the middle of the SVM bottom panel). The Z_{ARIEL} axis is coincident with the LV longitudinal axis (perpendicular to the separation plane or SVM bottom panel). The $(X_{\text{ARIEL}}, Y_{\text{ARIEL}})$ axes define the separation plane. X_{ARIEL} is parallel to the telescope pointing axis in this plane. Y_{ARIEL} completes the right-handed orthonormal triad. During nominal science operations, the Sun always remains underneath the SVM in the $-Z_{\text{ARIEL}}$ hemisphere, to ensure the PLM is constantly obscured and can be passively cooled.

What can we expect?

